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### Overview

This standard covers observing, monitoring, reviewing and recording the behaviour of animals in a Home Office designated establishment. This covers stock and dosed animals, moved animals, environmental changes and influence of other staff members on the research animals.

This standard covers behaviour relating to the species and the impact on behaviour when animals are bred and supplied externally and any behavioural changes affecting their environment.

The standard also covers an understanding of the ethical and scientific influences and impact on research animals.

This standard is for animal technologists in Home Office designated establishments.

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#### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 use safe practices and appropriate personal protective equipment
- P2 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P3 observe animals for normal behaviour in their surroundings
- P4 observe any behavioural differences of animals in different situations
- P5 observe and monitor animals' condition, physical health and behaviour
- P6 record the animals' condition, physical health and behaviour in accordance with relevant legislation
- P7 carry out health check as necessary and record appropriately
- P8 separate aggressive animals using appropriate methods
- P9 use working practices to reduce aggression and enhance natural behaviour in animals
- P10 keep accurate and up to date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
- P11 comply with legislation relating to the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment
- P12 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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#### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the importance and correct use of appropriate personal protective equipment
- K2 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K3 where to obtain information about animal species to understand the animal's psychological needs
- K4 why it is important to familiarise the animal with the people caring for and working with them
- K5 observing and monitoring requirements of different animals
- K6 how to identify ill health in research animals both physically and behaviourally
- K7 the influences that affect animal behaviour and health
- K8 how different situations can cause behavioural differences
- K9 the need for health checks of research animals
- K10 how to identify aggressive animals and the actions to take
- K11 the possible differences in behaviour in animals bred on site and those from other breeding establishments
- K12 how to consider research animal behaviour in comparison to its natural behaviour
- K13 how to identify normal and abnormal behaviour for the animal
- K14 other influences and impacts on an animal's welfare
- K15 how to recognise expected deviations from 'normal' health in experimental animals and Genetically Altered (GA) phenotypes
- K16 why it is important ethically and scientifically to observe and monitor animal behaviour and carry out health checks
- K17 how to carry out health checks and the information that should be recorded
- K18 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K19 your responsibilities for the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment under relevant animal welfare legislation, European directives and UK codes of practice
- K20 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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